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After Action Minutes
BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 20, 2000

Morgan Hill Civic Center

City Council Chambers
17555 Peak Avenue
Morgan Hill, California

Chair
Vice-Chair
Committee Member
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Beth Ann Gardner
Robert Harrington
Gerald Kinkade
Bob Eltgroth
James Rothert
Ariadne Delon Scott
Stewart Witter

6:15 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Gardner

ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

Senior Engineer Machida

DECLARATION OF POSTING OF AGENDA

Per Government Code 54954.2 (Senior Engineer Machida)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Morgan Hill Bicycle Advisory Committee welcomes comments from all individuals on any agenda item being considered by the Committee. Please complete a Speaker Card and present it to the Secretary/Senior Engineer. This will assist the Committee Members in hearing your comments at the appropriate time. In the interest of brevity and timeliness and to ensure the participation of all those desiring an opportunity to speak, comments presented to the Committee are limited to **Three Minutes**. We appreciate your cooperation.

NOW IS THE TIME FOR COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC REGARDING ITEMS NOT ON THIS AGENDA.

ORAL REPORTS

A. COUNTYWIDE BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE

Vice-Chair Harrington stated that the Countywide BAC discussed the priority of the VTP 2020 bike Plan projects. The total cost of all of the projects amounted to \$411 million dollars. VTA staff asked each City representative their highest project priority. From this discussion, 17 projects valued at \$34 million were identified. Morgan Hill identified the West Little Llagas Creek Bicycle Trail from Spring Avenue to Watsonville Road as our priority project. This project was then ranked at #9.

Member Harrington also indicated that his term on the Countywide BAC will expire in June 2000. It is his preference to have someone on the Morgan Hill BAC be the representative, however, anyone in Morgan Hill may apply for the position.

Chair Gardner requested an action item be place on the next agenda to forward a recommendation to the City Council.

BUSINESS

1. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 24, 2000

The minutes of the February 24, 2000 meeting were not included in the agenda. The February 24, 2000 minutes will be approved at the April 17, 2000 meeting.

2. BICYCLE PROJECTS IDENTIFIED FOR GRANT FUNDING Staff

Recommended Action: Develop a comprehensive list of bicycle projects to be constructed with available grant funds.

The Members reviewed the list and requested that project #10 be eliminated since project #1 (Monterey Road/Union Pacific Railroad Pedestrian and Bicycle Undercrossing) covers the same scope of work.

NEW BUSINESS

3. GENERAL PLAN UPDATE Staff

Information Item: Senior Planner Curtis Banks will present an overview of the City's General Plan Update.

The City has been working on the General Update for approximately two years. The update will be coordinating the work of the Bikeways Master Plan and the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The Task forces is has or will be reviewing the traffic issues, land use, open space, circulation, background data in the City. Draft Policies have been written and will be presented to the Task Force. It is the goal to have the Task Force work completed in April 2000. Staff would like to present the Update to the Planning Commission in May 2000 and to the City Council in July 2000. The work on the Bikeways Master Plan and the Parks and Recreation Master Plan will be folded in to the General Plan Update as an amendment.

4. COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT EIR FOR THE NORTH COYOTE VALLEY RESEARCH PARK

Staff

Recommended Action: Provide comments on the Draft EIR.

Member Harrington distributed Figure 22 from the Draft EIR. The general comments on the Draft EIR were the lack of detail on the proposed bike lanes and that there was not connection to the Coyote Bicycle Trail. In addition, there was a presumption that the workers in CISCO will continue

to come from San Jose and little, if any, workers would come from the south.

The Members requested that the Chair draft a letter outlining the Morgan Hill BAC's comments on the Draft EIR for the North Coyote Valley Research Park. On a 5-0 vote, the BAC directed Chair Gardner to address the deficiency of the EIR.

Chair Gardner's letter was faxed and mailed to the City of San Jose on March 28, 2000.

5. SAFE ROUTE TO SCHOOL GRANT

Staff

Recommended Action: Present status report on the candidate projects.

There was no new information to report. This item will be re-agendized to the next meeting.

6. BICYCLE EDUCATION VIDEO TAPES

Staff

Information Item: Forward a request to the Parks and Recreation Commission to purchase the three tape set of bicycle education videos for broadcast over the City's cable channel.

The draft letter was signed by the Chair and the letter was forwarded to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

7. UPDATE ON THE BIKEWAYS MASTER PLAN

Staff

Recommended Action: 1. Approve Draft map for public review and comment; 2. Provide comments on the Field Review Summary forms; and 3. Set the date for the community meeting to discuss the Draft map with the Public.

John Ciccarelli presented the updates on the Field Review data and the updated bicycle map. The Field Review forms were separated from the legend to make the forms easier to read. In addition, per the VTA guidelines columns were added for buses, the street were oriented to read either east bound or north bound. Speed limits, ADT and future street width columns were added to the forms.

John wanted to use a type of line style on the map to differentiate between facilities. John also suggested that the City may want to get the Chamber of Commerce to sell space on the bike map to help reduce the cost of the map. Condit Road was identified as an example of a route where placing additional pavement along the shoulder would improve the bicycle ridability of the road. Member Rothert suggest that dashed lines should be used to identified proposed routes. Private schools should be shown on the map as well as the public schools. The Members requested that the Downtown Transit Center crossing be shown on the maps and a crossing at Monterey Road and Cochrane and Monterey Road and Tilton. John also wanted striped and unstriped facilities to be shown as separate colors. The grade of the route should also be added to the map using chevrons.

The Members discussed whether a public meeting will be necessary to receive additional comments from the public on the map. The meeting is optional but it can be useful. Member Frederick questioned what type of CEQA requirement is required for the proposed projects shown on the map. The Members suggested that a workshop could be held in late May or June. In the meantime the consultant will be updating both the Field Review Forms and Bike Map.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REQUESTS FOR FUTURE ITEMS

This is the opportunity for any committee member to have an item placed on a future agenda.

Bicycle Resource Directory
National Bike Month
Bike to Work Week
City of Morgan Hill Bicycle Ordinances

ADJOURNMENT Meeting will adjourn to the next regular meeting on April 17, 2000.